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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed 3/01/2004, Applicant, by his attorney, discussed this requirement by telephone with Examiner Maust on March 23 and 24, 2004. As a result of those discussions, during the discussion on March 24, Examiner Maust agreed to rejoin the apparatus claims and maintain the restriction between rejoined apparatus claims and the method claims. With that understanding, Applicant, through his attorney, elected the apparatus claims for further prosecution in this application.

As stated in the December 18, 2003 amendment and response to the second Office Action, and for the reasons given in the remarks in that document, it is submitted that the apparatus claims are allowable. Allowance thereof is solicited so that this application may mature into a patent.

Respectfully Submitted,

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